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The Honorable James E. Campos
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Dear Director Campos:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the hearing entitled, "Investing in America's Energy Infrastructure: Improving Energy Efficiency and Creating a Diverse Workforce." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

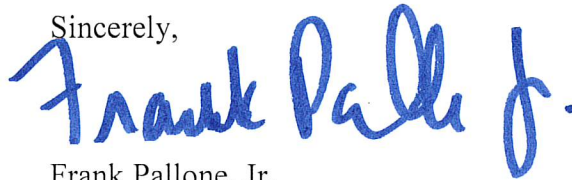
Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are questions directed to you from certain members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your responses to the member who has submitted the questions using the Word document provided with this letter.

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions no later than the close of business on Thursday, June 27, 2019. As previously noted, this transmittal letter and your responses, as well as the responses from the other witness who appearing at the hearing, will all be included in the hearing record. Your written responses should be transmitted by email in the Word document provided with this letter to Omar Guzman-Toro, Policy Analyst with the Committee, at Omar@mail.house.gov. You do not need to send a paper copy of your responses to the Committee. Using the Word document provided for submitting your responses will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answers into the hearing record.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Guzman-Toro at (202) 226-9398.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Pallone, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

The Honorable Fred Upton
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy

Subcommittee on Energy
Hearing on
“Investing in America’s Energy Infrastructure: Improving Energy Efficiency and Creating
a Diverse Workforce”
April 10, 2019

Assistant Secretary Daniel R. Simmons
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)

1. Director Campos, in the technical comments from DOE to H.R. 1315 it states that “a ‘Minorities in Energy Initiative’ that was a product of a small number of staff from the prior administration and was never concurred on by the DOE program offices whose resources it committed.” Additionally, in your written testimony before the Energy Subcommittee you stated that the ED office had “recently reinvigorated the Minorities in Energy Initiative – now being called Equity in Energy.”
 - a. Does the Minorities in Energy Initiative (MIE) still exist at the department within the ED office?
2. In the line item budget for the ED office the FY 2017 enacted amount included \$2,165,000, of which \$1,009,000 is listed for the Minority Economic Impact including MIE. Additionally, the FY 2018 budget requested \$2,155,000, of which \$1,009,000 was to be earmarked for the continuation of Minority Economic Impact including MIE. The FY 2019 budget also requested \$2,155,000, of which \$1,009,000 was to be earmarked for the continuation of Minority Economic Impact including MIE.
 - a. Was this funding used to support the Minorities in Energy Initiative? What specific programs or initiatives did this funding support?
 - b. How much of this funding was used to support staff dedicated to carrying out the MIE?

3. Director Campos, in your written testimony submitted to the Energy Subcommittee you stated that DOE has provided over \$700 million to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other minority serving institutions (MSIs), through research and development programs.
 - a. How much of that funding was disbursed under the current Administration? What was the percentage of funding distributed to HBCUs and MSI of the overall amount that was disbursed under the current Administration?
4. I understand the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity is the lead on the effort of enacting programs and initiatives are focused on business and education to establish critical linkages among minority serving institutions, minority businesses, and Federal agencies to address economic development in underserved communities and support energy workforce development.
 - a. What is your overall budget, staff, and resources available to make this initiative successful?
5. How is the overall mission of the ED supported by the entire agency? For instance, if minority-serving educational institutions and minority businesses have not been successful in the past in participating in Department programs (R&D awards to higher education institutions, loan guarantees, etc.), what can be done from a policy perspective to change this?
6. How can minority businesses be more meaningful engaged in managing and carrying out the missions of DOE labs? How well are the Management and Operations (M&O) Contractors adhering to the Diversity clauses in their contracts? What can be done to improve this?
7. How is the Department being reflective of the ED in its own hiring and promotion of diverse people into leadership positions?
8. What can be done within the Federal Energy Management Program to assist small and minority-owned businesses to develop opportunities and training to work more with DOE and DOE prime contractors?

The Honorable Richard Hudson (R-NC)

1. Would you please provide a full audit of all DOE workforce development activities, including a description of the workforce development program or project name, target audience or program focus, funding level, statutory authority, and program status.
2. Mr. Campos: Thank you for being here today. Today I want to focus on H.R. 1315, the Blue Collar to Green Collar Jobs Development Act and workforce development programs within DOE. Workforce development should be a truly non-partisan issue. As you may know, I have been a sponsor of similar legislation which passed with unanimous consent in prior Congresses. However, I have serious concerns with this new draft because, as a previous sponsor, I was cut out of the process, and because new language has been added I fear will unfairly picks winners and losers at the expense of consumers and workforce trainees.
 - a. Mr. Campos, what's DOE's vision for energy workforce development, and do you agree that it would be shortsighted to limit workforce development and training opportunities to so-called "green collar" jobs?
3. Mr. Campos: I am concerned about the price tag on H.R. 1315. The bill amends the Department of Energy Organization Act to create a new program office with an authorization of \$500 million; it authorizes a new \$100 million training program; and, it creates a new \$350 million energy workforce grant program limited to energy efficiency and renewable energy. It sounds a lot like President Obama's failed Green Jobs Program.
 - a. Does the Department of Energy need additional legislative authority or money for "green collar" jobs grants?
 - b. Is there a risk that this bill adds new layers of duplicative programs?